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Press Release

For Immediate Release

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The City of Norman is continuing its recovery process following the winter storm that began Friday, December 20, 2013 causing significant tree damage throughout Norman. The central area of Norman from I-35 east to 24th Avenue Northwest and between Robinson Street and State Highway 9 received the most damage.

The City began its storm debris assessment on Saturday, December 21, 2013. On Sunday, December 22, 2013, the City's on-call debris removal contractor TFR Enterprises, Inc. of Leander, Texas assisted city staff in completing the assessment. Damage to trees was noted throughout the City of Norman and the amount of fallen vegetation exceeds the limits of what can be cleared through the City of Norman normal yard waste collection.

In order to remove the fallen vegetation, debris removal from the street rights-of-way will begin Thursday, January 2, 2014 to allow adequate time for property owners and City crews to safely assess any damages and allow for a timely and safe removal of damaged vegetation.

Only residential properties are eligible for debris removal. No commercial or industrial properties will be provided debris removal services by the City of Norman. As in previous ice storm events, please do not place debris near water meter vaults, fire hydrants, any other above-ground utility, mailboxes, or poly carts. Only debris placed on the public right-of-way will be eligible for collection.

Crews have begun working within the City rights-of-way to remove any debris and cut down and remove any damaged limbs that may impact the public rights-of-way. TFR will be adding additional work crews by the end of the week to help with the removal of vegetative debris in the right-of-way. Crews will be working between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. seven days a week until work is completed.

Norman citizens are asked to avoid affected areas as the increased traffic will only delay clean up operations.

During the debris removal process, City crews and contractors will collect debris along the street right-of-way. Residents may experience increased traffic, temporary road closures or delays on some streets where these contractors are working. Contractors will have flag persons and signage displayed to alert you of their operations. Please be cautious when passing and travel at slow speeds in these areas.

Urban Debris Removal

- In the area indicated on the attached map as urban, debris removal will include residential vegetative debris. Construction debris, trash and other non-vegetated waste will not be picked up.
- Weather permitting, the first pass of debris removal from the December 20, 2013 winter storm will begin on Thursday, January 2, 2014. A final pass will begin on January 20, 2014.
- Please remove parked vehicles or other obstructions from the public or private street when the debris contractor is working in the area.
- Vegetative debris is defined as storm-damaged limbs, branches and shrubbery (burnable woody debris). The material should be cut in 8'-12' lengths and stacked in piles along the right-of-way within 5' of the curb or edge of roadway.

Rural Debris Removal

- In the area indicated on the map as rural, City work crews will clear and remove vegetative debris that is located within the City rights-of-way. This is generally 15 feet behind the paving or outside any fenced areas adjacent to road ways. Residents are asked to not remove additional debris from adjacent properties into the right-of-way.
- Weather permitting, debris removal from the December 20, 2013 winter storm will begin on Thursday, January 2, 2014. A final pass will begin on January 20, 2014.

Bagged debris should not be placed on the street right-of-way for this pick up; only loose debris will be collected. Bagged debris will be collected at the normal yard waste collection.

Weekly household garbage and monthly yard waste collection occurring on the first full week of month will continue to be provided to current customers on the normal schedule. In addition, the City Compost Facility located at 398 Bratcher Miner Road will be open from 7:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Monday through Friday and 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Saturdays until further notice. The Compost Facility is able to receive limbs (no longer than 4' lengths and 2" in diameter) at no cost. All contaminated loads (paper, rocks, bricks, and trash) will be rejected. Larger vegetative debris can be taken to the City Transfer Station located at 3901 Chautauqua Avenue.

Please contact the Action Center at (405) 366-5396 or the City Public Works Department at (405) 366-5452 with any questions. Additional information can be found on the City website – www.normanok.gov.

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